



## Arizona Department of Child Safety

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Preliminary Report	Fatality	9/10/15
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**1. Victim:** HaeleaMae Trujillo Hawkins – 3-year-old female

**2. Date of notification to DCS:** 4/30/14

**3. Date of fatality:** 4/29/14

**4. Date of determination that the fatality was the result of abuse or neglect\*:**

Heather Trujillo – 10/23/14

Ruby Barrientos – 5/28/14

**5. County and general location of the residence of the victim:** Pinal County

**6. Alleged perpetrator(s) name, age and city, town or general location:**

Heather Trujillo – age 41 – Pinal County

Ruby Barrientos – age 22 – Pima County

**7. Circumstances of the fatality that indicate it was the result of abuse or neglect:**

On April 30, 2014, the Department of Child Safety received a report regarding the fatality of 3-year-old HaeleaMae Trujillo Hawkins who was being cared for by Heather Trujillo. The child had been placed in the care of Ms. Trujillo by her mother, Ruby Barrientos. The Department determined that Ms. Trujillo abused HaeleaMae by forcing her to drink water as a form of punishment. It was further found that Ms. Barrientos knew or reasonably should have known that the child was being abused and failed to protect her. An autopsy was performed by the Pima County Medical Examiner whose pathologic diagnoses included: (1) acute water intoxication, (2) failure to thrive, and (3) soft tissue injuries of head, torso, and extremities including abrasions and contusions. The manner of death was noted to be homicide with the cause of death being "ascribed to hyponatremia, due to acute water intoxication."

**8. Whether DCS has received any reports or past cases, of child abuse, abandonment or neglect involving the child or the current alleged perpetrator(s)\*\*:**

DCS has received no prior reports involving Heather Trujillo, Ruby Barrientos and/or HaeleaMae Trujillo Hawkins.

**9. Actions taken by DCS in response to the fatality:**

A joint investigation was conducted with the Pinal County Sheriff's Office.

**10. Actions taken regarding the child and/or other children in the home:**

Following an assessment of child safety, the other children in the home were removed and placed in foster care.

**11. Whether the agency is or intends to provide direct services or service referrals to the family:**

The Department is providing services to the family.



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\*The determination that a fatality or near fatality is the result of abuse, abandonment or neglect is based one or more of the following criteria: (1) The perpetrator(s) arrest related to the incident, (2) Substantiated finding(s) linking the alleged perpetrator(s) action(s) to the fatality or near fatality and/or (3) Results of the Medical Examiner's report.

\*\* Information released after July 3, 2015 provides reports, or any current or past cases, of abuse, abandonment or neglect involving the child or the alleged perpetrator pursuant to A.R.S. § 8-807.01(A)(1)(e).  
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